

## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

HEADQUARTERS 2<sup>ND</sup> (DAGGER)BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM 1<sup>ST</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION APO AE 09344

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MEMORANDUM FOR OQMG Regimental Officer, US Army Quartermaster Center, 1202 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Fort Lee, VA 23801-1601

SUBJECT: Nomination for the 299<sup>th</sup> Forward Support Battalion for the Quartermaster Distinguished Unit of the Regiment

- 1. I recommend the 299<sup>th</sup> Forward Support Battalion for the Quartermaster Distinguished Unit of the Regiment Award without reservation. It is the best support unit that I have served with in over twenty years in the United States Army and has undoubtedly earned this honorable distinction over its long history of exemplary service.
- 2. The 299<sup>th</sup> FSB set a new standard for combat service support and combat health support over the last two years. Following redeployment from Operation Iraqi Freedom II in February of 2005, this outstanding support unit simultaneously refit the entire Brigade and rebuilt themselves into the largest and most capable Forward Support Battalion in the United States Army. Since then the 299th FSB continually adapted to meet the logistics needs of the BCT. They predicted and met the Brigade's every need, facilitating superb training in Central Region and Camp Buehring, Kuwait.
- 3. Upon deployment to Camp Liberty, Baghdad, the 299<sup>th</sup> FSB reorganized to further their legacy of excellent support. They accomplished both doctrinal and non-doctrinal missions with the ease, adapting to maximize their effectiveness on a non-linear and continually changing battlefield. In the past four months, the 299<sup>th</sup> FSB trained and employed a fire-fighting team to reduce the amount of time recovery teams and security elements were exposed during recovery missions. They conducted Up Armored HMMWV Rodeos, technically inspecting the entire BCT's fleet of HMMWV's. Their transportation assets moved over 2.1 million pounds of concrete barriers used to construct the first Joint Security Station in Baghdad. These are only a few examples of the innovative, dedicated support the 299<sup>th</sup> FSB provides to my Brigade everyday.
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